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NOTABLE DEATHS

SOLOMON ANDREW LAYTON, architect, died in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on February 6, 1943; born in Lucas county, Iowa, on July 22, 1864, the son of Andrew Layton and Jennette Miller Layton; completed high school in Red Oak, Iowa, his family being composed mainly of carpenters and mechanics he became interested in the construction of buildings, took a position with an architect named Weigel in superintending construction and learning architectural designing, making progress until he became one of Oklahoma's most noted designers of public buildings; married on March 25, 1885 to Alice Jeanette Wood, who died in Oklahoma City in 1930; removed to Colorado in 1886 and was engaged as a superintendent of construction for mines; opened an office in Denver in 1887, later removing to Texas where he did important work upon a new unit of the Southwestern University of Georgetown, Texas.

Mr. Layton made the run at the opening of the Cherokee Outlet in 1893 and in 1902 opened an office El Reno, in Oklahoma Territory; and in 1907 removed to Oklahoma City, residing there until his death. In addition to preparing the plans for the Oklahoma capitol building and the State Historical building, he designed probably two-thirds of the public school buildings of the state and many of the county court houses; also designed the greater number of business edifices and municipal buildings at Oklahoma City and other cities of the state.

RALPH E. OVERHOLSER, editor and civic leader, died at Red Oak, Iowa, July 16, 1944; born at Correctionville, Iowa, June 9, 1894; removed to Sibley, Iowa, with his parents and spent his boyhood in the local schools and the newspaper office of his father, W. W. Overholser; after graduating from the Sibley high school attended Morning Side college two years and graduated from the State University at Iowa City in 1920; served as editor of the *Daily Iowan* his senior year at the university; spent a year on the staff of the *Sioux City Journal* before going to Red Oak where in 1921 he took up his life's work as editor and manager of the *Express*; married Alice Sprague of Cedar Rapids on February 28, 1922; became a leader in his profession and in his community, receiving many honors in recognition of his ability and services; at the University of Iowa was president of the Iowa College Press association in 1919-20; besides other fraternities was a member of the AFI society, which annually selects the twelve outstanding seniors; as an able Republican editor served as director of publicity for his party at state headquarters; received the 1944 Iowa Master editor-publisher plaque; served a number of Red Oak civic organizations

as an officer and leader, and in addition to his newspaper interests was president of the Home Oil company.

GUY P. LINVILLE, lawyer and jurist, died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 9, 1944, after an active life as an attorney and public official; born near Carson, Iowa, March 25, 1876; taught and became superintendent of schools there before attending Drake university and the University of Iowa, graduating from the law school of the latter in 1904 and opening law offices at Cedar Rapids and Center Point; married to Mollie B. Zila on Oct. 30, 1922, who with a son, Guy Jr., a seaman stationed at Memphis, Tenn., survive him; served from Jan. 1, 1911 to Jan. 1, 1917 as Linn county attorney; appointed on Nov. 15, 1921 federal district attorney for northern Iowa by President Harding, taking the oath of office Jan. 1, 1922, and serving until December, 1925, when he was reappointed by President Coolidge, resigning the office in January, 1926; a candidate for United States senator in 1936 and 1938, though unsuccessful in securing the nomination of his party; elected in 1941 as district judge of the Eighteenth district of Iowa, comprising Cedar, Jones and Linn counties, in which position he was serving at the time of his death; a member of the First Christian church, and fraternal orders; a sister, Mrs. Bernice Modeaux, resides at Pueblo, Colorado.

JOHN T. CLARKSON, lawyer and public official, died at his home in Des Moines, Iowa, June 6, 1944; born at Johnstown, Penn., December 16, 1861, of English and Welsh parents, John and Ann Clarkson; educated in the common schools and evening study and classes while engaged as a coal miner; read law with A. C. Steck at Ottumwa, and admitted to practice at Albia, Iowa, May 25, 1895; elected county attorney of Monroe county in 1896 and re-elected in 1898, and as senator from the Monroe-Marion district in 1908; as state senator assisted in the enactment of the Iowa workmen's compensation law; appointed industrial commissioner in 1937, serving six years; for many years previous had served as general counsel for the United Mine Workers of America, District 13 (Iowa) for 18 years, beginning in 1913. At the time of his death Senator Clarkson had returned to the practice of law in Des Moines in partnership with Ralph O. Woodcock. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Helen Clarkson, a daughter, Mrs. Theodore B. Perry, Albia; two sons, John L., and Clyde, both of Nashville, Ill.; three sisters, Mrs. Emma Phillips, Des Moines, and Mrs. Mary Anderson and Mrs. W. P. Moses, both of Moline, Ill.; and several grandchildren.

DR. WALTER JESSUP, educator, author and administrator, died in New York, N. Y. on July 7, 1944; born in Richmond, Indiana, a Quaker settlement, on August 12, 1877; spent his life as an educator and held a bachelor's degree from Earlham college in Indiana, a

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